

If there were no other technology to provide broadband, then BPL might be considered. With several alternatives available, why would anyone consider a technology using unshielded wires to transmit RF energy. By blanketing the country with radio transmissions BPL will jam the HF airwaves. This infringes on the right of the citizenry to receive shortwave broadcasts from abroad, it damages the ability of amateur radio operators to provide emergency communications, and it interferes with military and low band fire communications. The robustness of the electrical grid is questionable. Why divert power company attention from their main, critical mission? Telecommunications firms are financially weak, why shove them toward bankruptcy with further competition? Why encourage a duplicative technology that destroys a vital resource, the HF airwaves? I very strongly oppose BPL.